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Statement by Press Secretary Fitzwater on the President's Meeting With President Mircea Snegur of Moldova

February 18, 1992

The President and Moldovan President Mircea Snegur met for 20 minutes today in the Oval Office. It was the first meeting between the two leaders. The President reiterated U.S. recognition of Moldovan independence and the two Presidents agreed

that the U.S. and Moldova will establish diplomatic relations and exchange Ambassadors in the near future. The President also expressed our commitment to continue U.S. humanitarian and technical assistance to Moldova.

Statement on the New Hampshire Presidential Primary Victory

February 18, 1992

I am delighted tonight to have won the New Hampshire primary.

Mindful of New Hampshire's proud history in selecting Presidents, I am indebted to all those in the State who voted for me, and my special thanks go to our able campaign leaders and to the volunteers who worked so hard.

This election was far closer than many had predicted. I think the opponents on both sides reaped the harvest of discontent with the pace of New Hampshire's economy. I understand the message of dissatisfaction. My most immediate task has been to get Congress to enact some very sensible, sound proposals that will help get this Nation's economy going forward.

The message of tonight is that Americans are concerned about the future. I have the right answers, and I will take my case to the voters in the next 8½ months. The goal of my campaign is to win reelection in November. I will campaign vigorously in those States whose primaries lie ahead. I am confident of winning our party's nomination and the election.

I want to thank the voters of New Hampshire, as well as Governor Gregg, Senators Rudman and Smith, Congressman Zeff, Hugh Gregg, Gordon Humphrey, and the rest of my leadership team.

Once again, I am pleased to have finished first in New Hampshire. Now, on to the South.

Presidential Determination No. 92-15—Memorandum on Export-Import Bank Services for South Africa

February 18, 1992

Memorandum for the Secretary of State

Subject: Determination to Permit Export-Import Bank Financing for Exports to the Government of South Africa or Its Agencies

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by section 2(b)(9) of the Export-Import Bank Act of 1945, as amended (12 U.S.C. 635(b)(9)) (the "Act"), I hereby:

- 1) determine that significant progress toward the elimination of apartheid has been made in South Africa;
- 2) authorize and direct you to transmit to the Congress a statement describing and explaining this determination.

You are further authorized and directed to publish this memorandum in the *Federal Register*.

GEORGE BUSH